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--- ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ---

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TO CASE 1018; FOUR HAD DIRECT CONTACT WITH TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS, ONE MALE AND ONE FEMALE, AND TWO RELATED HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE PRISONERS. ALL PROVIDED TESTIMONY CONCERNING THE FEMALE'S DEATH DURING THE ATTEMPT TO RELOCATE HER TO A HANOI PRISON CAMP IN 1968. ALL WITNESSES CLAIMED NOT TO BE ABLE TO LOCATE THE 1018 BURIAL SITE BECAUSE OF THE PASSAGE OF TIME AND THE SECRET NATURE OF THE COMMO-LIAISON ROUTE ALONG WHICH THE MISSING INDIVIDUAL IN CASE 1018 HAD DIED. ON 11 MARCH 93, A JOINT VNOSMP/DAC LAC PROVINCIAL TEAM SEARCHED FOR WITNESSES IN AN AREA ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN NEAR WHERE THE MISSING INDIVIDUAL DIED, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. RECOMMEND NO FURTHER FIELD INVESTIGATION INTO THIS CASE. (REF 13)

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DURING THE 12TH JFA (28 NOVEMBER - 19 DECEMBER 1990), THE TEAM INTERVIEWED WITNESSES WHO SAID AMPRICANS IDENTIFIED AS HENRY BLOOD, BETTY OLSEN, AND DENNIS RANGER (SIC) WERE CAPTURED IN BUON MA THUOT ON 2 FEBRUARY 1968. THE THREE U.S. POWS WERE ESCORTED TO A CAMP LOCATED NEAR A ROCK CAVE ON CHU YANG GRI MOUNTAIN (BP4076). MR. BLOOD (REFNO 1017) DIED DUE TO ILLNESS AND WAS BURIED NEAR THE CAMP. ACCORDING TO VNOSMP TEAM MEMBERS, THE GRAVE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ROBBED AND THE REMAINS OF MR. BLOOD, MINUS THE CRANIUM, WERE CONFISCATED BY PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES. THE REMAINS ALLEGED TO BE THOSE OF MR. BLOOD WERE REPATRIATED IN 1988. SUBSEQUENT TO THE DEATH OF MR. BLOOD, THE REMAINING TWO PRISONERS (MS. OLSEN, REFNO 1018 AND MR. BENGE, REFNO 1008) WERE TRANSFERRED TO A COMMO-LIAISON STATION DESIGNATED T-8, LOCATED ON THE CAMBODIA-VIETNAM BORDER IN FORMER QUANG DUC PROVINCE. MS. OLSEN DIED AT T-8 DUE TO ILLNESS AND HER BODY WAS BURIED NEARBY. MR. BENGE WAS LATER MOVED TO NORTH VIETNAM AND WAS RELEASED IN MARCH 1973. THE WITNESSES KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE REPORTED BURIAL SITE FOR MS. OLSEN INDICATED THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE A SPECIFIC LOCATION DUE TO THE PASSAGE OF TIME. (REF 14)

=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

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ON 1 SEP 93, THE VIETNAMESE TURNED OVER BRIEF CASE ASSESSMENTS FOR EACH OF THE 27 DIED IN CAPTIVITY CASES. THE ASSESSMENTS WERE IN RESPONSE TO A U.S. PRESENTATION OF THE D.I.C. LIST AS A GUIDE FOR SPECIAL REMAINS TEAM INVESTIGATION. ONE OF THESE CASES WAS REFNO 1018, WHICH THE VIETNAMESE RECOMMENDED WOULD REQUIRE EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION UNTIL IT CAN BE RESOLVED. (REF 15)